

voted "yes." On rollcall No. 509, approving the reading of the Journal, I would have voted "yes."

The reason, Mr. Speaker, that those votes were missed was the signing of the National Wildlife Refuge reform bill at the White House this morning.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2332

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 2332.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. PEASE]. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

#### REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE TO HAVE UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1997, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2616, THE CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Education and the Workforce may have until 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 1997, to file a report on the bill, H.R. 2616, the Charter Schools Amendments Act of 1997, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, has this been cleared with the minority?

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WISE. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. RIGGS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, it has. As a matter of fact, this unanimous-consent request is to allow additional time for minority views to be added to the report.

Mr. WISE. Continuing to reserve the right to object, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1997, TO FILE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS ON H.R. 1534, THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 1997, AND H.R. 2578, EXTENDING THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 1997, to file legislative reports on the bills, H.R. 1534, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997, and H.R. 2578, Extending the Visa Waiver Program.

The ranking minority member, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS], has agreed to this request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, once again, it is my understanding that the minority has not been consulted on that.

Would the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SMITH] like to withdraw that until the minority has been consulted?

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, that is simply not correct. The ranking minority member, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. JOHN CONYERS, has in fact been consulted, and has in fact agreed to this.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I will have to object until I hear otherwise.

I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### REQUEST TO APPOINT CONFEREES ON S. 1139, SMALL BUSINESS RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1139) to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes, with House amendments thereto, insist on the House amendments, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

I perhaps can anticipate the gentleman by saying that the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business not only does not object, but asked me to bring the motion at this time, and it has been cleared for a number of days with the minority.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

Mr. WISE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, once again, there seems not to have been communication on this. I will have to object at this time.

I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

#### DESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1997

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 9, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, October 21, 1997.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection the designation is agreed to. There was no objection.

#### REQUEST TO APPOINT CONFEREES ON S. 830, AMENDING THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO IMPROVE REGULATION

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 830) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes, with a House amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the events of the past few minutes the Chair has been made aware that there will be objection. Under those circumstances, the Chair will not entertain the request at this time.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1415

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1415.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE FLOYD H. FLAKE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable FLOYD H. FLAKE, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, October 8, 1997.

Hon. ALEXANDER TREADWELL,  
Secretary of State  
Albany, NY.

DEAR SECRETARY TREADWELL: After considering the needs of my constituents and the short time remaining in this session, I intend to remain in Congress at least until our legislative business is completed.

I have reviewed section 31 of the Public Officers law, and I understand that my retirement announcement to the Governor on August 4, 1997 was an erroneous interpretation of the statutory requirements for resignations. Therefore, it is also my belief that, according to section 31, any record of my resignation is not effective since I have never directly notified your office of my plans. I will, however, inform you of my plans at the appropriate time, which in this case will be no more than thirty days prior to my resignation.

If there are any questions regarding my plans, please feel free to contact me, or Sean Peterson, my Chief of Staff.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

FLOYD H. FLAKE,  
Member of Congress.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 1997

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in